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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNGA

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH COMOROS FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: USUN 4278

1. FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 1 UNGA VOTE ON QUESTION OF MAYOTTE. MISSION OFFICER TOOK OCCASION TO EXPLAIN US ABSTENTION TO COMOROS FOREIGN MINISTER MOUZAWOIR ABDALLAH. MISSION OFFICER STATED USG PLEASSED WITH MODERATE TONE OF RESOLUTION AND THAT USUN WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BUT FOR NECESSITY OF PRESERVING WORKING UNITY OF WESTERN FIVE ON AFRICAN QUESTIONS WHICH HAS BEEN SO VALUABLE TO US THIS YEAR.

2. MINISTER THANKED OFFICER FOR EXPLAINING US VOTE AND EXPRESSED APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATION'S AFRICAN POLICIES. MINISTER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN NOT SUPPORTING MAYOTTE RESOLUTION, ADMINISTRATION HAD GONE AGAINST ITS OWN PRINCIPLES. US WAS SUPPORTING MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR DECOLONIALIZATION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, HE SAID. COULD NOT THE US MAKE SMALL EFFORT TO END COLONIZATION OF MAYOTTE? MINISTER THEN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US SUPPORT FOR POSITION OF COMOROS WOULD, GIVE GOF STRONG INCENTIVE TO RESOLVE MATTER.

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3. MINISTER NOTED THAT USG HAD NOT ESTABLISHED EMBASSY IN COMOROS AND THAT TO DATE, ONLY REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND SENEGAL HAD DONE SO. MINISTER STATED THAT COMOROS HAD REBUFFED SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY EASTERN STATES TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN COMOROS AND THAT IF WEST CONTINUED TO IGNORE COMOROS, PRESSURES WOULD MOUNT TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO SUCH REQUESTS.

MINISTER NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BARETT HAD VISITED COMOROS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THAT GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP EXISTED.

4. OFFICER ALSO REGRETTED THAT EXTENSIVE TIME COMMITMENTS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG, RECENTLY COMPLICATED BY SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM IN SC, HAD SO FAR PRECLUDED A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO.

COMMENT: MINISTER WAS PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE UNIMPORTANCE AND POWERLESSNESS OF THE COMOROS IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT SOME HANDHOLDING MIGHT BE USEFUL. SMALL EFFORT NOW, PARTICULARLY AFTER MAYOTTE VOTE, COULD HAVE BENEFICIAL LONG TERM IMPACT.
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